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101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100

Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Russell C. Johnson, Complainant/Petitioner v. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Defendant/Respondent

Docket No. 2013-90-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") submits for filing the attached pre-filed direct testimony of Takisha Anderson in the above referenced docket. The customer's account number is redacted from both the testimony and exhibit. ORS also notes that the redacted account number on the exhibit is the same account number redacted in the testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

cc: Russell C. Johnson
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3		THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF			
4		DOCKET NO. 2013-90-E			
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6		IN RE: COMPLAINT FILED BY RUSSELL C. JOHNSON AGAINST			
7		DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC.			
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9 10	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND			
11		OCCUPATION.			
12	A.	My name is Takisha Anderson. My business address is 1401 Main Street,			
13		Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. I am employed by the State of South			
14		Carolina as an Investigator in the Consumer Services Department of the Office of			
15		Regulatory Staff ("ORS").			
16	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND			
17		EXPERIENCE.			
18	A.	I have a Bachelor's Degree from North Carolina Central University and a			
19		Master's Degree from Strayer University. I have been an Investigator in the			
20		ORS's Consumer Service Department since 2010. Prior to 2010, I was employed			
21		in the private sector in a national account management and sales capacity from			
22		1997 to 2010.			

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1	Q.	WHAT ARE YOUR DUTIES AS AN INVESTIGATOR WITH THE			
2		OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF'S CONSUMER SERVICES			
3		DEPARTMENT?			
4	A.	I investigate consumer complaints and inquiries and mediate escalated			
5		consumer complaints. I also coordinate meetings with ORS Staff to discuss			
6		consumer related issues. Furthermore, I conduct utility customer relations			
7		compliance reviews and coordinate on-site inspections and tests of the utilities'			
8		equipment.			
9	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS			
10		PROCEEDING?			
11	A.	The purpose of my testimony is to provide the results of ORS's			
12		investigation into Mr. Russell Johnson's complaint against Duke Energy			
13		Carolinas, LLC ("Duke Energy").			
14	Q.	PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE COMPLAINT ORS RECEIVED FROM MR.			
15		RUSSELL JOHNSON AGAINST DUKE ENERGY.			
16	A.	ORS was contacted on February 20, 2013 by Mr. Johnson who			
17		complained Duke Energy billed his residential account for an additional charge of			
18		\$1,057.15. Mr. Johnson stated the additional charge of \$1,057.15 was not			
19		incurred by him and he was not responsible for payment of the additional charge. — Answer True Not Myme			
20	Q.	WHAT ACTION DID ORS TAKE AFTER RECEIVING MR. JOHNSON'S			
21		COMPLAINT?			
22	A.	It is the practice of the ORS Consumer Services Department to contact the			
23		utility regarding the consumer complaint and request a response from the utility. I			

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1		contacted Duke Energy and requested a response to Mr. Johnson's complaint				
2		concerning the disputed amount on his residential bill identified as 'Balance From				
3		Account in the amount of \$1,057.15.				
4	Q.	WHAT INFORMATION DID DUKE ENERGY PROVIDE ORS?				
5	A.	Duke Energy provided ORS with a copy of a final bill dated January 7,				
6		2013 for small general service provided to 7520 Highway 9. The bill provided to				
7		ORS does not contain the city and zip code; however, the bill identifies Mr.				
8		Russell C. Johnson as the account holder. The account number listed on the bill is				
9		and the total amount shown on the final bill is \$1,041.52. (Exhibit				
10		TA-1) A "final bill" is issued in accordance with 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs 103-				
11		341.3 after a customer notifies the electrical utility of their desire to have service				
12		terminated.				
13		According to Duke Energy, Mr. Johnson transferred service from another				
14		address to the 7520 Highway 9 address on August 7, 2012. Subsequently in				
15		January 2013, Mr. Johnson requested Duke Energy terminate service to the small				
16		general service account for 7520 Highway 9. At this time, Mr. Johnson was serr				
17		a final bill dated January 7, 2013, for the 7520 Highway 9 address in the amount				
18		of \$1,041.52. This final bill shows a past due date of January 21, 2013. Based or				
19		Mr. Johnson's nonpayment of the final bill for the 7520 Highway 9 address, Duke				
20		Energy transferred the final charges for account along with a 1.5%				
21		late charge for a total amount of \$1,057.15 to Mr. Johnson's residential account a				
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1	Q.	BASED ON YOUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH MR.			
2		JOHNSON, WAS MR. JOHNSON AWARE THE BILLING ACCOUNT			
3		FOR ADDRESS 7520 HIGHWAY 9 WAS ESTABLISHED IN HIS NAME?			
4	A.	Yes. Mr. Johnson indicated he was aware that the account was in his			
5		name. TRUE AS GOVERNO THE 9/17/12 WHEN EIN I WAS SUPPLIED TO PULCE ALSO VIA TRESUME TO MANY-CSEP. DID MR. JOHNSON PROVIDE ORS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT			
6	Q.	DID MR. JOHNSON PROVIDE ORS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT			
7		THE POSITION THAT MR. JOHNSON SHOULD NOT BE HELD			
8		RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$1,057.15?			
9	A.	No. Mr. Johnson did not provide ORS information to support the position			
10		that he is not responsible for payment of the billing account at 7520 Highway 9.			
11	Q.	DID DUKE ENERGY OFFER A DEFERRED PAYMENT			
12	ARRANGEMENT ("DPP") FOR THE BALANCE TRANSFERRED TO				
13		THE RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNT?			
14	A.	Yes. Duke Energy advised ORS a deferred payment arrangement ("DPP")			
15		could be offered for the balance owed on the residential account in accordance			
16		with 10 S.C. Ann. Reg. 103-352.c. ORS provided the DPP offer to Mr. Johnson			
17		and he declined the offer. I WILL NOT Pay WHAT IS NOT MINEL			
18	Q.	DID MR. JOHNSON RECEIVE A NOTICE FROM DUKE ENERGY			
19		THAT HE WAS SUBJECT TO DISCONNECTION AT HIS RESIDENCE			
20		FOR BEING IN ARREARS ON THE 7520 HIGHWAY 9 ACCOUNT			
21		BEFORE THE FINAL BILL AMOUNT OF \$1,057.15 WAS			
22		TRANSFERRED TO HIS RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNT?			
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1 Q. DOES ORS HAVE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMPANY?

2 A. Yes. 3 4 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs 103-342 provides: THIS ACCOUNT BY 987 ECHO RIDGE DIW. PULLED TC Unless otherwise stated, a customer shall be 5 6 7 allowed a reasonable time in which to correct any 8 discrepancy which may cause discontinued 9 service. Service may be denied or discontinued 10 for any of the following reasons: 11 I. The electrical utility may terminate a 12 customer's service should the customer be in 13 14 arrears on an account for service at another 15 ORS recommends Duke Energy send a notice of disconnection to a customer 16 17 18 before an account balance in arrears from another premise is transferred to the 19 customer's active account.

20 O. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

21 A. Yes, this concludes my testimony.

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